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Dear Healthcare Provider,

The <u>2015 Adult Immunization Schedule</u> is now available online. Every year, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) develops recommendations for routine use of vaccines in children, adolescents, and adults. When adopted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Director, they become official CDC/HHS policy. The <u>Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report</u> will publish a summary of adult schedule changes in February. However, all of the 2015 figures, footnotes, and tables for the adult schedule are currently available CDC website at <u>www.cdc.gov/vaccines/schedules/</u>.

The CDC has also updated the <u>patient-friendly schedule</u> for adults 19 years of age and older to reflect the new 2015 recommended immunization schedule.

The Immunization Branch is currently in the process of printing the 2015 Adult Immunization Schedule. Once the updated schedules are printed and received, they will be available to order from the <u>DSHS Literature and Forms Online Order Form</u>.

As always, the DSHS Immunization Branch would like to thank you for your efforts and continued support as we all work to increase vaccine coverage levels and reduce the burden of vaccine preventable diseases in Texas.

Sincerely,

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